



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6390***

LCO No. 2787

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING HATE CRIMES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 53a-181j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) A person is guilty of intimidation based on bigotry or bias in the  
4 first degree when such person maliciously, and with specific intent to  
5 intimidate or harass another person because of the actual or perceived  
6 race, religion, ethnicity, [or] sexual orientation, disability or gender  
7 identity or expression of such other person, causes serious physical  
8 injury to such other person or to a third person.

9 (b) Intimidation based on bigotry or bias in the first degree is a class  
10 C felony.

11 Sec. 2. Section 53a-181k of the general statutes is repealed and the  
12 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

13 (a) A person is guilty of intimidation based on bigotry or bias in the  
14 second degree when such person maliciously, and with specific intent  
15 to intimidate or harass another person because of the actual or

16 perceived race, religion, ethnicity, [or] sexual orientation, disability or  
 17 gender identity or expression of such other person, does any of the  
 18 following: (1) Causes physical contact with such other person, (2)  
 19 damages, destroys or defaces any real or personal property of such  
 20 other person, or (3) threatens, by word or act, to do an act described in  
 21 subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection, if there is reasonable cause to  
 22 believe that an act described in subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection  
 23 will occur.

24 (b) Intimidation based on bigotry or bias in the second degree is a  
 25 class D felony.

26 Sec. 3. Section 53a-181l of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 27 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

28 (a) A person is guilty of intimidation based on bigotry or bias in the  
 29 third degree when such person, with specific intent to intimidate or  
 30 harass another person or group of persons because of the actual or  
 31 perceived race, religion, ethnicity, [or] sexual orientation, disability or  
 32 gender identity or expression of such other person or persons: (1)  
 33 Damages, destroys or defaces any real or personal property, or (2)  
 34 threatens, by word or act, to do an act described in subdivision (1) of  
 35 this subsection or advocates or urges another person to do an act  
 36 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, if there is reasonable  
 37 cause to believe that an act described in said subdivision will occur.

38 (b) Intimidation based on bigotry or bias in the third degree is a  
 39 class A misdemeanor.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

***Statement of Purpose:***

To include within the offense of intimidation based on bigotry or bias the act of a person intimidating or harassing another person because of the actual or perceived disability or gender identity or expression of such other person.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*